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POL PIPELINE, NORTH VIETNAM

A cross-country POL pipeline has been identified in North Vietnam for the first time on photography of The pipeline, apparently still under construction, is located approximately 13 nautical miles (nm) west of Vinh and extends from 18-44-48N 105-28-55E to 18-27-00N 105-39-10E for a distance of 21.5 nm. Pipelines have been observed in the Hanoi-Haiphong area but they have been relatively short and lead from off-loading areas to nearby storage areas. A pipeline of the type observed west of Vinh could substantially assist in the flow of POL to the South. It would also prove difficult to interdict

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The northern end of the pipeline terminates in a POL storage area containing eight buried storage tanks dispersed along a road. Each buried tank is connected to a main pipeline; however, no main pumping facility is observed.

The pipeline, with short portions on the ground and the remainder buried, extends south-southeast, crossing under the Song Ca at 18-37-25N 105-32-30E and under the Song Giang at 18-32-30N 105-34-25E. Before crossing the rivers the pipeline splits, joining again on the opposite bank (Figure 1).

The southern end of the pipeline terminates in a POL storage area under construction which consists of eight tanks connected to the main pipeline and 21 excavations for additional storage tanks (Figure 2).

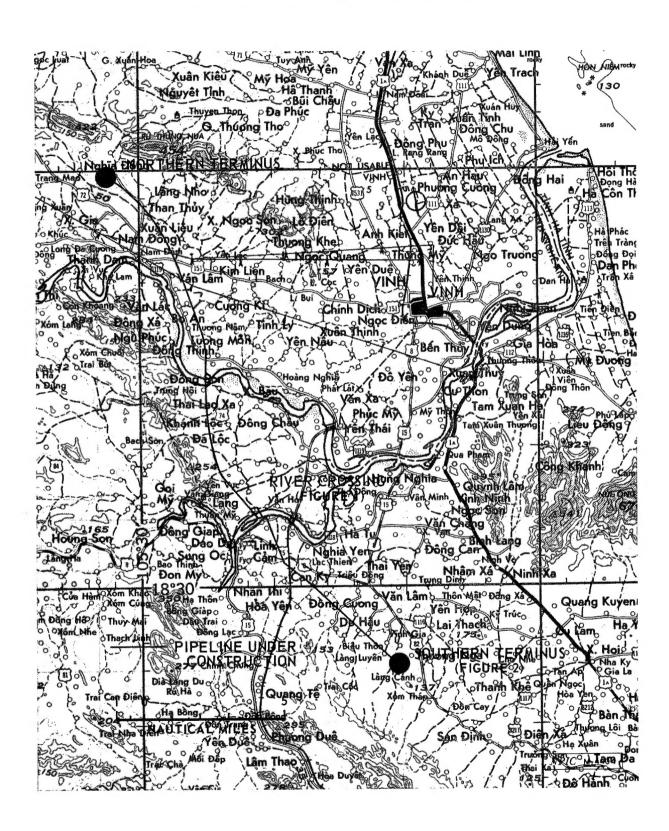
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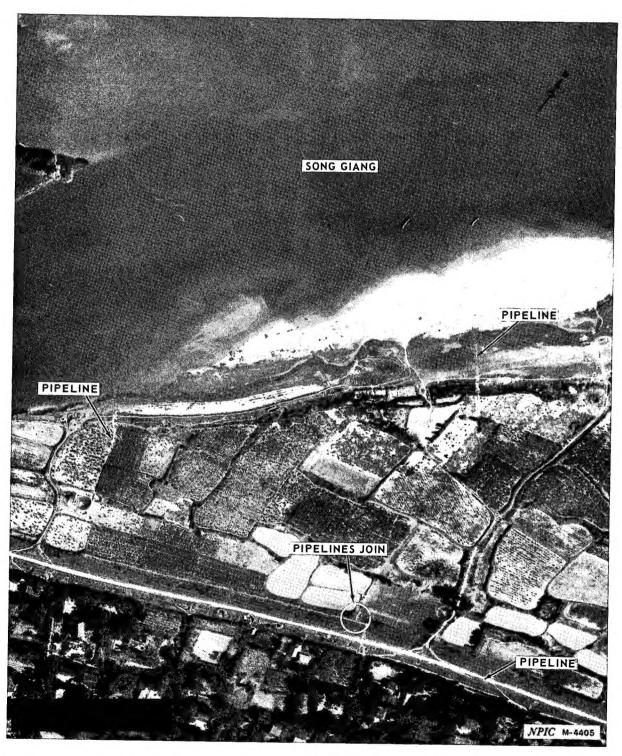
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FIGURE 1. PIPELINE CROSSING THE SONG GIANG

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FIGURE 2. POL STORAGE AREA UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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